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1. Beginning 1 December 1946 the Soviets plan to dig a trench six feet wide and twelve feet deep, along the coast from Hsiaoopingtao (121-29, 38-50) to Hsingpu / Hoshigaura, Star Beach / (121-33, 38-53).

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2. All former Japanese fortifications in the Dairen area have been strengthened and are now manned by Soviets. There are many concrete anti-aircraft positions along the road from Dairen to Chinchou (121-48, 39-06). Sight of these from the road is blocked by board fences, but the sides and ends not facing the road are not boarded.

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3. The Soviets are fortifying the beach area between Port Arthur and Dairen. Half of the former summer resort on Hsingpu, stretching from Dairen toward Port Arthur, is closed off with barbed wire. Many Soviet ships come into this beach anchorage area during the night (exact areas unstated). No Japanese or Chinese are permitted to live in the Port Arthur area beyond the barbed wire boundary, which stretches into Dairen itself. However, some Japanese are working on fortifications being built in the Port Arthur area. These workers are under strict surveillance, and source believed that they would be killed when the fortifications were completed. Japanese civilians cannot go westward beyond Heishihho.(?) / Heishihchia (121-33, 38-53)? In September source saw large quantities of artillery ammunition going to Port Arthur via truck-trailer transport. Ships frequently bring in supplies to the Soviets at night in the Dairen port area northeast of the city. Trains coming in at Irifune Station are met by Soviet trucks which transport supplies to the Port Arthur base. In mid-August source saw a line of about fifty tanks (size unstated) moving along Dairen streets and departing in the direction of Port Arthur. Many supplies are sent out to Shohaito Island in Dairen Bay, directly east of the city. / ? / Located on the island is the former tuberculosis hospital, now supposed to be a Soviet military hospital.

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4. One observation tower is being built at Tahoshangshan in Chinchou.

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5. Outside of Liuchiatusun (122-39, 39-54) is a hill seventy meters high, on which there is a fortress under guard. Ten 15 CM artillery pieces and fifteen trucks are there. (No other details given.)

6. At the foot of this hill, facing Chinchou harbor, a permanent defense work, already twenty percent completed, is being built by the Soviets. It is 300 meters long and 100 meters wide. The work is being done by Chinese labor under Soviet supervision.

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7. There are the ordinary (?) defense ditches at Tengshaho (122-01, 39-16).

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8. Along the river banks near Shihho (121-52, 39-20) there are trenches five to seven feet deep and six feet wide. West of Shihho to the sea many dog patrols are being used. To the east there are three lines of barbed wire reaching to Pitzuwo (122-23, 39-25), where there is an ammunition dump. The wire barricades are eight feet high, with guarded gates placed at intervals and pill-boxes and trenches inside.

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Note: A map shows an "anti-tank ditch" running from Shihho to Chengtzutuan (122-31, 39-31).

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